

2014 released AP Free Response Solutions

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AB: http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap14_frq_calculus_ab.pdf

BC: http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap14_frq_calculus_bc.pdf

There are several different forms used around the country. These are the only questions that can be discussed from 2014.

AB1+BC1) $A(t) = 6.687(0.931)^t$ where $A(t)$ is in pounds; t is in days; domain is $[0, 30]$.

1a-AB-BC) Recall – average rate of change is the *slope* of the *secant line*. So

$$\text{avg r.o.c.} = \frac{A(30) - A(0)}{30 - 0} = \frac{0.7829278694 - 6.687}{30} = -0.1968024044 \text{ pounds per day}$$

1b-AB-BC) $A'(t) = 6.687(0.931)^t * \ln(0.931)$. So

$A'(15) = 6.687(0.931)^{15} * \ln(0.931) = -0.1635905804$. What this means is that, at the beginning of the 15th day, the amount of grass clippings remaining in the bin is decreasing at a rate of 0.1636 pounds per day.

1c-AB-BC) Average grass clippings in the bin = average value of $A(t)$ over the interval $[0, 30] =$

$$\frac{1}{30 - 0} \int_0^{30} A(t) dt \approx \frac{1}{30} (82.57905323) = 2.752635108.$$

To find the time t where $A(t) = 2.752635108$, solve and get $t = 12.414774$

1d-AB-BC) $A'(t) = 6.687 * \ln(0.931) * (0.931)^t$.

$$A'(30) = 6.687 * \ln(0.931) * (0.931)^{30} \approx -0.0559762123$$

$$\begin{aligned} L(t) &= A(30) + (-0.0559762123)(t - 30) \\ &= 0.7829278694 - 0.0559762123(t - 30) \end{aligned}$$

Solve $L(t) = 0.5$ and so $t = 35.0544304$ days.

One possible scoring: 1a) +1 for answer; +1 units in 1a and 1b

1b) +1 derivative; +1 explanation

1c) +1 average value; +1 $A(t)$ =average value; +1 t =

1d) +1 $L(t)$; +1 t =

AB2) R is enclosed by $f(x) = x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4$ and the horizontal line $y = 4$. The points of intersection are: $(x, y) = (0, 4)$ and $(x, y) = (2.3, 4)$.

$$2a\text{-AB) Volume} = \pi \int_0^{2.3} (4 - (-2))^2 - (x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4 - (-2))^2 dx = 98.86788997$$

$$2b\text{-AB) Volume} = \int_0^{2.3} \left[\frac{1}{2} (4 - (x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4))^2 \right] dx = 3.573715598$$

$$2c\text{-AB) } \int_0^k 4 - (x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4) dx = \int_k^{2.3} 4 - (x^4 - 2.3x^3 + 4) dx$$

One possible scoring: 2a) +1 limits; +1 integrand; +1 answer

2b) +1 limits; +1 integrand; +1 answer

2c) +2 limits; +1 integrands

BC2) Polar curves: $r = 3$ and $r = 3 - 2\sin(2\theta)$. Domain = $[0, 2\pi]$

Points of intersection: $(r, \theta) = (3, 0), (3, \frac{\pi}{2}), (3, \pi)$

$$2a\text{-BC) Area} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(3 - 2\sin(2\theta))^2}{2} d\theta + \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{3^2}{2} d\theta = 9.707963268$$

$$2b\text{-BC) } x(\theta) = r \cos \theta = (3 - 2\sin(2\theta)) \cos(\theta) = 3\cos(\theta) - 2\sin(2\theta)\cos(\theta) \quad . \text{ So}$$

$$x'(\theta) = -3\sin(\theta) - 2[2\cos(2\theta)\cos(\theta) + \sin(2\theta)(-\sin(\theta))]$$

$$\frac{dx}{d\theta} \Big|_{\theta=\pi/6} = -3\sin(\pi/6) - 2[2\cos(2(\pi/6))\cos(\pi/6) + \sin(2(\pi/6))(-\sin(\pi/6))] =$$

$$-\frac{3}{2} - \sqrt{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = -\frac{3}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \approx -2.3660254038$$

$$2c\text{-BC) distance} = 3 - (3 - 2\sin(2\theta)) = 2\sin(2\theta)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(2\sin(2\theta)) = 4\cos(2\theta) . \text{ So } 4\cos(2\theta) \Big|_{\theta=\pi/3} = 4\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = -2$$

$$2d\text{-BC) } \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{dr}{d\theta} \cdot \frac{d\theta}{dt} = (-4\cos(2\theta)) \cdot (3) = -12\cos(2\theta) . \text{ So, at } \theta = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{dr}{dt} = -12\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -6$$

One possible scoring: 2a) +1 limits, +1 integrand, +1 answer

2b) +1 x'; +1 answer

2c) +1 distance; +1 derivative; +1 answer

2d) +1 answer

AB3+BC3) $g(x) = \int_{-3}^x f(t) dt$. $f(t)$ given by a graph.

3a-AB-BC) $g(3) = \int_{-3}^3 f(t) dt$ = net area between $f(t)$ and x-axis. The net area is + the area of the triangle from $t=-3$ to $t=2$ and then MINUS the area of the triangle from 2 to 3.

$$\text{So } g(3) = \frac{1}{2}(5)(4) - \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) = 10 - 1 = 9$$

3b-AB-BC) The first derivative of g must be positive on an interval for the graph of g to be increasing. The second derivative of g must be negative on an interval for the graph of g to be concave down. This, in turn, requires the first derivative of g to be decreasing.

$$g'(x) = f(x). g'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-5, -3) \cup (-3, 2) \\ g''(x) = f'(x). g''(x) < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-5, -3) \cup (0, 4)$$

. So the answer is $(-5, -3) \cup (0, 2)$

$$3c\text{-AB-BC) } h'(x) = \frac{g'(x) \cdot 5x - g(x) \cdot 5}{(5x)^2}. \text{ So } h'(3) = \frac{g'(3) \cdot (15) - g(3) \cdot 5}{15^2} = \frac{-30 - 45}{15^2} = -\frac{1}{3}.$$

$$3d\text{-AB-BC) } p'(x) = f'(x^2 - x) \cdot (2x - 1). p'(-1) = f'(2) \cdot (-3) = -2 \cdot (-3) = 6.$$

So the slope of the tangent line at $(-1, 0)$ to the graph of p is 6.

One possible scoring: 3a) +1 answer
3b) +2 interval; +1 explanation
3c) +1 $h'(x)$; +1 answer
3d) +2 $p'(x)$; +1 answer

AB4+BC4) Train A velocity given by $v_A(t)$, measured in meters per minute, t is measured in minutes. Selected values in table.

$$4a\text{-AB-BC) Average acceleration} = \frac{v_A(8) - v_A(2)}{8 - 2} = \frac{-120 - 100}{6} = \frac{-220}{6} = -\frac{110}{3} \text{ meters per minute per minute.}$$

4b-AB-BC) Train A's velocity will be -100 meters per minute at some point on the interval $(5, 8)$. The velocity is given by a differentiable function, and so the velocity is continuous. Since the velocity is continuous, the Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT) guarantees that there is a c in $(5, 8)$ with the velocity equal to any intermediate value. Since the velocity decreases from 40 to -120 during the interval $(5, 8)$, and -100 is between -120 and 40, then there is a c in $(5, 8)$ with a velocity of -100.

4c-AB-BC) position at $t=2$ minutes is +300 meters (300 meters east of Origin Station).

Position at $t=12$ minutes = position at $t=2$ minutes + total change in position over the interval $(2,12)$.

This is:

$$300 + \int_2^{12} v_A(t) dt \approx 300 + \left[\frac{1}{2}(5-2)(100+40) + \frac{1}{2}(8-5)(40+(-120)) + \frac{1}{2}(12-8)(-120+(-150)) \right] = -150$$

So the position of the train will be approximately 180 meters west of Origin Station.

4d-AB-BC) We know that the square of the distance between train A and train B is the sum of the squares of the distances of train A and train B from Origin Station. So –

$$d(t)^2 = p_A(t)^2 + p_B(t)^2 \Rightarrow 2d(t)d'(t) = 2p_A(t)p'_A(t) + 2p_B(t)p'_B(t). \text{ So}$$

$$d(t)d'(t) = p_A(t)p'_A(t) + p_B(t)p'_B(t) \Rightarrow 500d'(t) = 300(100) + 400\left(\frac{d}{dt}(p'_B(t))\Big|_{t=2}\right) =$$

$$300(100) + 400\left((-5t^2 + 60t + 25)\Big|_{t=2}\right) = 30000 + 400(125) = 80000$$

$$\text{So } d'(t) = \frac{80000}{500} = 160 \text{ meters per minute.}$$

One possible scoring: 4a) +1 setup and answer

4b) +2 answer with explanation

4c) +1 integral expression; +1 trapezoidal sum; +1 answer

4d) +1 distance; +1 derivative w.r.t. t ; +1 answer

AB5) f and g are twice-differentiable (and therefore continuous). Values and signs for various values are in a table.

5a-AB) Relative minima of f can be identified when the first derivative of f changes from negative to positive. This happens (in $[-2,3]$) when $x = 1$.

5b-AB) $f'(-1) = f'(1) = 0$. So the average rate of change of the velocity from $t=-1$ to $t=1$ is

$$\frac{0-0}{1-(-1)} = 0. \text{ Since } f' \text{ is continuous (it is differentiable and therefore continuous), the Mean Value}$$

Theorem (MVT) guarantees a c in $(-1,1)$ with the derivative of $f' = 0$. This means at that c , $f''(c)=0$.

$$5c-AB) h'(x) = \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \Rightarrow h'(3) = \frac{f'(3)}{f(3)} = \frac{0.5}{7} = \frac{1}{14}.$$

$$5d-AB) \text{ by the FTC, } \int_{-2}^3 f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = f(g(3)) - f(g(-2)) = f(1) - f(-1) = 2 - 8 = -6$$

One possible scoring: 5a-AB) +1 x value; +1 explanation
 5b-AB) +1 continuous; +1 MVT
 5c-AB) +1 derivative; +1 answer
 5d-AB) +1 FTC; +1 intermediate values of g; answer

BC5)

$$5a\text{-BC) Area} = \int_0^1 x e^{x^2} - (-2x) dx = \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{x^2} + x^2 \right) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} = \frac{e}{2} + 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{e+1}{2}$$

Note: for the first term, use the substitution $u = x^2$

$$5b\text{-BC) Volume} = \pi \int_0^1 \left(x e^{x^2} + 2 \right)^2 - (-2x + 2)^2 dx$$

$$5c\text{-BC) Perimeter} = e + 2 + \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + \left(e^{x^2} + 2x^2 e^{x^2} \right)^2} dx + \int_0^1 \sqrt{1 + (-2)^2} dx$$

Note: 5a-BC and 5b-BC will be used for the AB subscore.

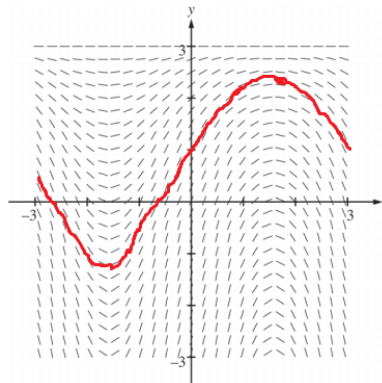
One possible scoring: 5a-BC) +1 integrand and limits; +1 antiderivative; +1 answer

5b-BC) +2 integrand; +1 constant and limits

5c-BC) +1 length of vertical segment; +1 length of upper boundary; +1 length of lower boundary

AB6) $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y) \cos x$. Let $y = f(x)$ be the particular solution to this differential equation with initial condition $f(0) = 1$

6a-AB) Bad graph of resulting slope field:



6b-AB) At (0,1) the slope is: $\frac{dy}{dx} = (3 - y) \cos x = (3 - 1) \cos(0) = 2$. So the tangent line is:

$y - 1 = 2(x - 0)$. Then we have: $y \approx 1 + 2(0.2) = 1.4$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (3-y)\cos(x) \Rightarrow (+1) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{3-y} = \cos(x)dx \Rightarrow (+3) \Rightarrow -\ln|(3-y)| = \sin(x) + C$$

$$f(0) = 1 \Rightarrow (+1) \Rightarrow -\ln(2) = C = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

6c-AB)

$$\ln|3-y| = -\sin(x) - \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$(+1)|3-y| = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}e^{\sin(x)}} = \frac{2}{e^{\sin x}}.$$

We want the curve that contains (0,1); so we have $y = 3 - \frac{2}{e^{\sin x}}$

One possible scoring: 6a-AB) +1

6b-AB) +1 tangent line; +1 approximation

6c-AB) +6 as indicated

BC6) Taylor Series for $f(x)$ about $x = 1$ is $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} \frac{2^n}{n} (x-1)^n$. Converges to $f(x)$ for $|x-1| < R$.

$$6a-BC) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{2^{n+1}}{n+1} (x-1)^{n+1} \cdot \frac{n}{2^n (x-1)^n} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n+1} |x-1| = |x-1| \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{n+1} = 2|x-1|$$

The ratio test says that $2|x-1|$ must be less than 1; so we have $|x-1| < \frac{1}{2}$ and the value of R is $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$6b-BC) f'(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{n+1} 2^n (x-1)^{n-1} = 2 - 4(x-1) + 8(x-1)^2 - \dots + 2(2-2x)^{n-1} + \dots$$

$$6c-BC) f'(x) = 2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (2-2x)^n. \text{ We know that } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (x)^n = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1-x} \text{ so, replacing 'x' with '2-2x'}$$

$$\text{and multiplying by 2 yields } f'(x) = \frac{2}{1-(2-2x)} = \frac{2}{2x-1}. \text{ So } f(x) = \int \frac{2dx}{2x-1} = \ln|2x-1| + c.$$

We know that $f(1) = 0$ so $c = 0$ and $f(x) = \ln(2x-1)$. We can dispense with the absolute values because $2x-1$ will always be positive within the radius of convergence.

One possible scoring: 6a-BC) +1 ratio test; +1 answer

6b-BC) +1 derivative; +1 first 3 terms; +1 general term

6c-BC) +2 identifying $f'(x)$; +1 antiderivative +c; +1 solve for c

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